

## W. A. Buchanan Urges Made-in-Canada Navy

At Enthusiastic Liberal Meeting in Club Rooms, Monday Night.

"A Made-in-Canada Navy," maintained and continued by Canadians by the shores of Canada, and to fight the battles of the Empire when it is in danger." This was in a nutshell the liberal policy of the Liberal party as opposed to the contribution proposed by the Government, according to Mr. W. A. Buchanan, M. P. for this district who spent all Monday in Bassano, and addressed a large meeting in the evening under the auspices of the Young Liberal association in the Club rooms.

While the naval policy formed the chief theme of a brief but able address, he enlarged to some extent on the recently defeated independence, declaring that the question of army and navy was not the question of the West until they were secured as it was embodied in the continued success of the West and Canada.

Dr. J. W. Hagen was in the chair, and he introduced the speaker in a few able words.

### Larger Markets Necessary

Mr. Buchanan who was enthusiastically received began by congratulating the Young Liberals of Bassano upon their Club rooms. He encouraged the principle of the young men taking an active interest in the public life of the country. He touched on the question of reciprocity at the outset, declaring that this matter of larger markets was one that must be solved if Western Canada, and the rest of Canada desired to enjoy continued prosperity. Since the last general election he had become convinced that over the head of these larger markets. Throughout his constituency he had found that many who opposed reciprocity they were converted to the policy now. Even in the east there was a turning of the tide, and anyway the East had been greatly misled by the injection of the loyalty cry into the question.

He intimated this morning when he said there was a surplus of grain with corresponding low prices. Even if the price had gone back materially, the creation of a larger market would have meant a greater demand. He criticized the misguided personal of the Tariff Commission which he declared was to consist of high protectionists instead of a mixture of all grades of experts.

He also declared that the promise of Premier Borden that Alberta and Saskatchewan would be given control of its natural resources was not being fulfilled because the province was Liberal and it was hoped to win them over by using this cry again. He attacked Premier Borden for continuing the outrage he alleged were committed in the Mackenzie by-election and then turned to the naval question.

Although he said Hon. Geo. E. Foster introduced the Canadian navy question in 1906, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier accepted the proposals he and the party did a volte face on the subject when Sir Wilfrid introduced legislation.

### Canadian Made Navy

The Conservatives had preached the doctrine of anti-imperialism in Quebec and ultra-imperialism in Ontario, and now their latest scheme to donate \$50,000 for dreadnaughts was being taken up by the Quebec Nationalist party, who declared it was acceptable, because it would wipe off all Canada's defense obligation to Great Britain. "This contribution was like handing over an automobile to a man without providing for maintenance, for after the money was handed over Canada would only have to pay the interest," while the British taxpayer would have to pay for the maintenance and maintenance. "I believe that Canada should take part in the defense of the Empire along the lines of Australia which has undertaken to establish and maintain its own navy. Canada should establish a navy of its own on each coast and maintain and man it."

"He attacked the idea of Canada being represented on the Defense Committee, for while Canada was prepared to fight England's battles it did not want to be mixed up in saying whether there should or should not be war."

In closing Mr. Buchanan touched on the Provincial elections looming up the near future, and described the present Liberal administration as model and progressive. They had done their best to keep pace with the needs of the Province and their telephone system had kept up with demands wonderfully.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Buchanan upon the motion of H. C. Pegler, seconded by W. A. W. Haines.

## Bassano Shows Splendid Surplus in Annual Report

### Progress on Power

Hampered by the new weather, outside work on the power plant went some what slower this week, but in spite of this, the power plant was completed by the end of January.

The name of this company has been decided and officials have drawn up a scale of rates to be charged when the power and light line are supplied.

The company has been formed, as the Alberta Electric Company, Ltd., which has several electric enterprises in view. Through provision for one per cent discount on bills are not within ten days from date of rendering it is intended that the company will be giving light for 162 cents per kilowatt hour, against the 18 cents which their franchise permits them to charge.

The schedule of rates is as follows:  
First 10 Kilowatt hours 18 cents  
Next 10 " " 16 cents  
Next 100 " " 14 cents  
Next 200 " " 12 cents  
Next 300 " " 10 cents  
All over 300 " " 8 cents  
These rates will be subject to a discount of 10 per cent if paid within 10 days from date of bill.

Electric Power rates will be:  
First 100 Kilowatt hours 10 cents  
Next 200 " " 8 cents  
Next 300 " " 7 cents

### Progress on Water

Work has been commenced on the waterworks, and in spite of the weather, a gang of men under Contractor Frank Bond of Edmonton is busy at the work, sinking a 100 foot shaft five feet in diameter in readiness for operations for the spring.

The shaft is about 25 feet down at the present moment, and beyond the first hole, no great difficulty is being experienced. It is expected that the shaft will be fully sunk in a couple of weeks, and attention will be turned to the tunnel which is to connect the shaft with the river. This tunnel will be the intake that will carry the water from the river to the shaft whence the water will be pumped into the pipes leading to town.

The five feet shaft will be used all around with cement. This is the only work that will be accomplished before spring when there will be an influx of contractors. Council has taken every precaution to see that the work is completed by Fall, and every contract has to be closed out by September. This means that the whole system will be in full working order for the coming winter.

All over 700 Horse Power 8 cents  
All over 1000 Horse Power 6 cents  
Three rates will be subject to a discount of 10 per cent if paid within 10 days from date of bill.

## Only a Last Three Strenuous Weeks Left

Friends of Candidates Urged to Jump In and to Do Their Utmost.

### REWARD WILL BE ONLY TO THE WORKERS

The last lap in the Piano Competition is on! How are the candidates going to finish? This is the question that is arousing considerable interest, and each candidate is anxious to win.

The standing before the candidates closer than ever, and it is touch and go who gets the two handsome prizes given away by the Bassano Trading Company.

With such a track and new state of affairs it is up to the candidates to make every effort during the forthcoming week, if they want to see one of their names gracing their parlor. It is up to their friends to help them wherever they can. Friends' votes will count in this contest. Their votes will count! The contest management has decided to give all votes of 10 or more.

At the end of that time prizes of German-made pianos will be given, one to the candidate securing and polling the most subscriptions from Jan. 1 to 14, and one to the candidate securing and polling the most checks from Jan. 1 to 14.

Names of Candidate Votes  
Miss Toole Hennessy, Bassano 161,770  
Mrs. W. Kye, Bassano 176,178  
Mrs. J. Webster, Bassano 184,185  
Miss Vera Houghton, Bassano 198,405  
Miss Nellie Stewart, Hutton 130,545  
Miss Mabel Jennings, Bassano 118,401  
Miss J. E. Curry, Bassano 107,520  
Miss Marie Wyatt, Bassano 85,763  
Norma Milroy, Bassano 36,000  
Miss Dwyne, Bassano 25,150  
Miss Lee, Bassano 12,550

## Financial Standing Shown to be Far Superior to Other Towns in Alberta.

With a clear surplus of \$10,000.73 Bassano's municipal year ends satisfactorily.

Although only two years old, with careful financing it has come through with a surplus and a few towns of its standing in the Province can show.

This is to some extent credited to a policy of paying for as much, as possible out of current revenue instead of relying on the entire cost of debentures, which any financial improvement would not be materially higher.

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approximately \$10,000 will be shown under the collection of this.

What this will mean should not be under-estimated. If only \$5,000 of these outstanding taxes are collected, it will mean that Bassano in this year's estimate will not have to provide for the repayment of the interest on the \$100,000 of debentures just sold, and that the mill rate will be correspondingly lowered. Prospects for a reasonable mill rate during the present year look exceedingly bright. More is expected from licenses, and less, than was received last year, while the various expenses should not be materially higher.

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## Will Fight to Get Post Office

Promised by W. A. Buchanan, M.P. Who Tells Story of Bassano Post Office at Liberal Meeting.

The position in which the Bassano post office stood as far as he knew was explained by Mr. W. A. Buchanan at the request of J. H. Weaver at the Liberal meeting Monday evening.

"You I know something about the post office," said Mr. Buchanan in response to Mr. Weaver's request. "I have heard that Bassano in the last Provincial by-election had been promised a post office. I asked the question in the House, had any such promise been made. I was told no. I then asked, had any person been authorized to make that promise. I was told no. I then asked, had the Government any intention of building a post office? I was told yes, and that the money would be voted in the next session."

This year nothing had apparently been done towards construction, and I asked if

the contract had been let. The answer was No, but that place was still under preparation. That is how your post office stands. It can help it along I will although it is difficult to do anything sitting on the other side of the House. If the money is not voted this session I will certainly find out why. After an absence of a year I come back to find a wonderful expansion in your town and from the business done by your post office such an institution is very much needed. You are entitled to it."

### BERRY CREEK

The weather being so favorable and the ice so good R. A. Brotherhood has organized a Hockey team, which will be ready to compete with any team in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bridge have left for their country to visit friends. We are hoping they will have a safe journey. They will be missed very much.

Miss May Bridges and Miss Nellie McArthur have gone to Calgary to spend the winter months.

Mr. Menno and family have gone back east. They report a very enjoyable time while at Berry Creek.

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To ensure change of advertisement, advertisers are requested to leave copy at the office not later than Tuesday evening.

The News makes responsibility of this job printing and has one of the best equipped offices in the province for this class of work.

J. R. SHARP, Editor

**CERTAINTY MADE SURE**

Adelbert and flat contradiction to the envy created rumors of aspiring towns that Bassano let its recently issued debentures go at 91 in exchange for a contract, instead of 84 per cent, is forthcoming from Ulen and Co. connected with the First National Bank of Chicago, who absorbed the bonds.

Some time ago the Financial Post undertook to castigate "Some Western towns," that attempted to mislead the financial world, in an effort to gain cheap publicity. The following from the columns of the Financial Post under date Dec. 21, is significant and self-explanatory.

"Those who follow municipal financing will remember that some months ago the town of Bassano Alta, informed the press that \$150,000 of its debentures had been sold at par to a Chicago firm. In contradiction of this it was said that the debentures were sold to a firm of contractors, who were doing the work for Bassano, and that in reality the price obtained was 91. Ulen and Co., the purchasers, writes a Toronto financial house that the statement regarding the sale to contractors and yet price to the city is incorrect, and that they purchased the Bassano bonds at par, and expect to pay the town par for them in cash. The latter continues: 'We will admit that the market at the time we purchased them was considerably better than it is now. However Bassano is a good town, and we do not expect to lose anything on the transaction.'

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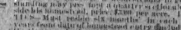
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